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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF:

Kaneko et al.

APPLICATION NO.: 09/892,081

FILING DATE: 26 June 2001

TITLE: Novel Macrolide Antibiotics

Examiner: E. Peselev

Group Art Unit: 1623

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed 1 March 2004, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection made therein are respectfully requested, in view of the following remarks. Inasmuch as this Amendment is being submitted within the three-month shortened statutory period set in the Office Action to expire on 1 June 2004, Applicants respectfully submit that no extension of time should be necessary. If the Commissioner determines that an extension of time and/or a fee is necessary, the same is hereby requested and the Commissioner is authorized to charge any necessary fees to maintain the pendency of this application to deposit account No. 16-1445.